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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Doc Hastings
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for H.R. 6039, the Green Mountain Lookout Heritage Protection Act

Dear Senators Cantwell and Murray, and Representative Hastings:

On behalf of Back Country Horsemen of America, I urge you to support H.R. 6039, the Green Mountain Lookout Heritage Protection Act, introduced this summer by Representative Larsen.

H.R. 6039 would ensure the continued operation and maintenance of the historic Green Mountain fire lookout within Washington's Glacier Peak Wilderness Area. For decades, the Green Mountain lookout has been a popular destination for hikers seeking to enjoy impressive vistas, endless acres of wildflowers, and the experience associated with visiting a historical fire lookout. Even though horse use is not allowed on the Green Mountain Trail, we nonetheless support H.R. 6039 as an important means to promote human use and enjoyment of wilderness.

Built in 1933 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the historic Green Mountain lookout is listed with the National Register of Historic Places. The Forest Service still utilizes Green Mountain as a functioning fire lookout as well as to house seasonal staff who provide educational information to wilderness visitors.

The Green Mountain lookout provides important benefits to the preservation of the Glacier Peak Wilderness and the education of wilderness visitors. We urge you to ensure passage of the Green Mountain Lookout Heritage Protection Act to ensure the permanent preservation of this important resource. We stand ready to support you in this effort.

Thank you for your efforts to preserve America's wilderness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. McGlenn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael K. McGlenn
Chairman BCHA

cc: The Honorable Rick Larsen